

**136A.62 DEFINITIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Words, terms, and phrases.** The following words, terms, and phrases shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section for the purposes of sections 136A.61 to 136A.71.

Subd. 2. **Office.** "Office" means the Minnesota Office of Higher Education.

Subd. 3. **School.** "School" means:

(1) any partnership, company, firm, society, trust, association, corporation, or any combination thereof, which (i) is, owns, or operates a private, nonprofit postsecondary education institution; (ii) is, owns, or operates a private, for-profit postsecondary education institution; or (iii) provides a postsecondary instructional program or course leading to a degree whether or not for profit;

(2) any public or private postsecondary educational institution located in another state or country which offers or makes available to a Minnesota resident any course, program or educational activity which does not require the leaving of the state for its completion; or

(3) any individual, entity, or postsecondary institution located in another state that contracts with any school located within the state of Minnesota for the purpose of providing educational programs, training programs, or awarding postsecondary credits or continuing education credits to Minnesota residents that may be applied to a degree program.

Subd. 4. **Degree.** "Degree" means any award given by a school for completion of a program or course which is designated by the term degree, associate, bachelor, baccalaureate, masters, or doctorate, or any other award which the office shall include by rule.

Subd. 5. **Records.** "Records" means those school documents and files containing student data relating to academic credits, grades, degrees awarded, periods of attendance, and such other matters as the office shall determine by rule.

Subd. 6. **Online platform service.** An online platform service is a nondegree granting entity that provides online access to schools as defined in subdivision 3, to enable the schools to offer online training, courses, or programs.

**History:** 1975 c 201 s 2; 1975 c 271 s 6; 1978 c 603 s 2; 1985 c 248 s 70; 1995 c 212 art 3 s 39,59; 2005 c 107 art 2 s 60; 2007 c 144 art 3 s 3; 2010 c 364 s 15; 2013 c 99 art 2 s 12